



BLM/Team Rubicon Annual Report



Bureau of Land Management: Building partnerships with veteran organizations.

2015



Noelle Skilton, US Army and US Navy veteran and BLM crew members active on the fire line.

The summer of 2015 marked the beginning of a partnership between the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and veteran volunteer organization Team Rubicon (TR), teaming highly trained government and military experienced resources to train and combat wildland fires as Administratively Determined (AD) Casual Hires.

The BLM’s Wind River Big Horn Basin District Office and Cody Interagency Dispatch Center were selected as the mobilization and operational headquarters for this expansive program. Five geographical areas were designated as host sites for BLM/TR Wildland Firefighter Training classes including Denver, CO; San Francisco, CA; Philadelphia, PA; Atlanta, GA; and Seattle, WA. Nearly 200 TR members successfully completed firefighter classroom training, field training and an arduous pack test to qualify as Firefighter Type 2s.

Within days of completing training, TR members were dispatched to their first suppression incidents based out of Fairbanks, AK. Overall, 75 TR members fulfilled assignments during a high activity fire season. By collecting skill-set data during training, the BLM Worland Dispatch Center was able to utilize additional TR resources in other pay plan positions in which TR members were qualified.



CALENDAR YEAR STATISTICS

Calendar Year-to-Date Team Rubicon Totals

Agency	Total ADs	Number of Payments	Boot Stipends Paid	Gross Total Paid
BLM-TR	190	307	\$7,200.00	\$592,337.86
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Training Hours Year-to-Date Team Rubicon

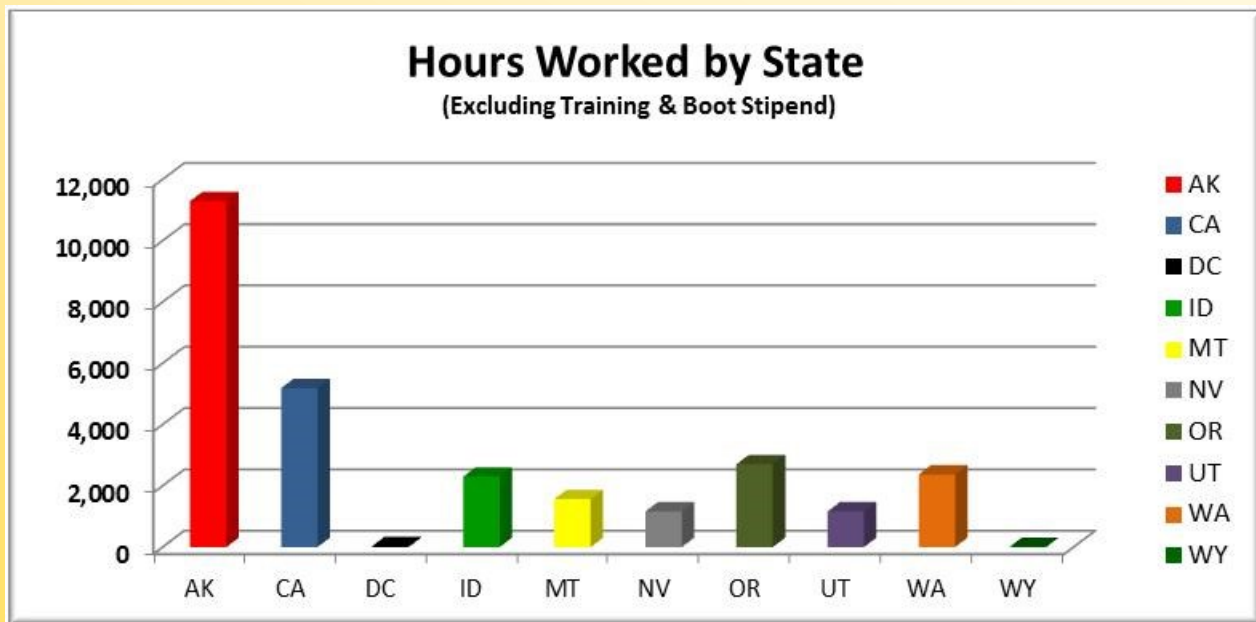
Agency	Total ADs	Number of Payments	Gross Total Paid
BLM-TR	187	187	\$97,036.80
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Team Rubicon AD Pay Plan Position Titles Paid

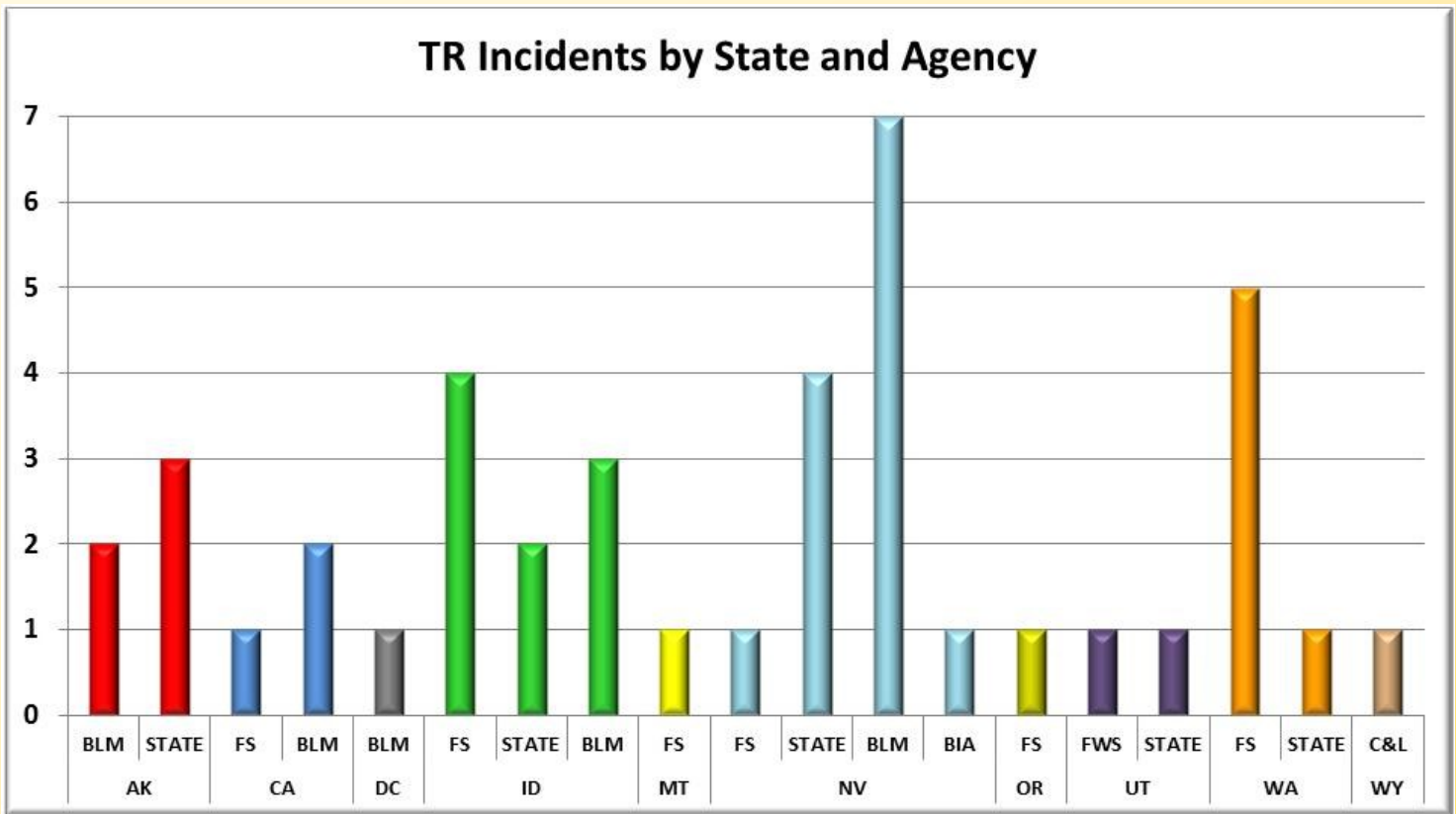
Position Code	Position Title	Boot Stipends Paid	Gross Total Paid
DOCLT	Document Unit Leader Trainee		\$6,197.76
DRIV	Driver/Operator		\$4,439.40
EMTB	Emergency Medical Technician Basic		\$3,903.69
FFT2	Firefighter Type 2	\$7,200.00	\$439,958.05
FFT2T	Firefighter Type 2 Trainee		\$97,036.80
PIOFT	Public Information Officer Trainee		\$12,042.24
RADO	Radio Operator		\$28,759.92
		\$7,200.00	\$592,337.86

****All DOI Agencies have been authorized to pay \$100 Boot Stipend for designated fire positions. This is a \$100 payment paid each calendar year to help offset the cost of boots.**

2015 Rubicon Resource Assignments



(from left to right) Josh Garcia, Cody Cowan, Eli Worrall, Marc Gonzalez, Justin Rockhill, Jason Kennedy, Samantha Storms, Chris Merritt and Carson Mountford.



C&L: County and Local



Members of Team Rubicon ignite fuses in Valley Forge National Historical Park as part of their training for service on wildland firefighting crews. (Photo by Steve Stroud)

Incident Commander Trainee Mike Haydon, right to left, talks to Team Rubicon members John Green, Noelle Skilton, Chase Decker, and Marc Gonzalez at the Incident Command Post for the Aggie Creek and Hayes Creek fires at the Ken Kunkle Community Center on June 27, 2015.



2016 BLM/TR Training Sites

Jan 22 **Los Angeles, CA**
Jan 29 **Dallas, TX**
Feb 12 **Atlanta, GA**
Apr 15 **Seattle, WA**
Apr 29 **Washington, D.C.**
May 27 **Denver, CO**



BLM/TR MEDIA LINKS

Team Rubicon:

www.teamrubiconusa.org

My Public Lands Flickr album:

<http://bit.ly/1D1jaqx>

BLM Oregon Flickr album:

<http://bit.ly/1HTtwQE>

@BLMcareers Twitter:

#BLMfire: <http://bit.ly/1HdTjzA>

#BLMvets: <http://bit.ly/1G5ufGZ>

"Last Week at the Department of Interior" (0:45) YouTube video:

<http://bit.ly/1dKnN1E>

My Public Lands Tumblr:

"Bureau of Land Management and Team Rubicon Partner to Fight Wildfires,
Provide Training and Employment for Veterans"

<http://tumblr.co/Z9wNeu1o67I9m>

"In the Action with Team Rubicon"

<http://tumblr.co/Z9wNeu1pUiz9n>

My Public Lands Instagram (2,500+ likes): <http://bit.ly/1CYOTbO>

Alaska Fire Service Facebook photo albums: <http://on.fb.me/1Ux2Mcp>

Fairbanks News-Miner: <http://bit.ly/1KTOFJA>

Loveland Reporter Herald: <http://bit.ly/1LWRsn5>

Denver News 9: <http://on9news.tv/1G7z4Qg>

Crew members gather wildland firefighting gear in Denver, Colorado before mobilization to Fairbanks, Alaska.

